

In the claims:

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1. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device, comprising:

- a. an elongate handle, said handle having an upper end and a lower end, a forward side and a rearward side, and a periphery, wherein at least said lower end is adapted for grasping by a user,

said upper end of said handle having a substantially linear elongate slot therein, said slot having a slot opening in said periphery of said handle upper end and said slot being oriented substantially parallel to a center longitudinal axis of said handle,

wherein said handle has at least ~~binding wedge~~ one substantially linear elongate slit therein, said at least one ~~binding wedge slit~~

being proximate to said slot,

being oriented at an angle greater than about 90° with respect to said slot,

having a left interior face and a right interior face, wherein said left interior face has a left ridge extending toward an interior of said slit, and wherein said right interior face has a right ridge extending toward said interior of said slit, said left and right ridges being at least approximately in alignment with and opposing each other and

providing a surface along with which an attaching cord may engaged when it is within said slit, and,

having a slit opening in-said periphery of said handle upper end,

said slit opening being situated at one end of said slit; and,

- b. a porous scrubbing material, said scrubbing material having ~~an~~ said attaching cord affixed thereto, whereby said attaching cord is adapted to pass through and engage said slot and to pass through and engage one of said at least one ~~binding wedge~~ slit, thereby removably fastening said scrubbing material to said handle.
2. (*Original*) A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said attaching cord is selected from a group consisting of string, twine, a ribbon, a metal chain, a plastic chain, a rope, and an elastic band.
3. (*Original*) A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said attaching cord is removably attached to said scrubbing material.
4. (*Original*) A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said scrubbing material is selected from a group consisting of a sponge, a mesh netting, a washcloth, and a brush.
5. (*Original*) A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said upper end of said handle is outwardly flared at its terminus.
6. (*Cancelled*).

7. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one binding slit wedge is oriented to be substantially parallel to said slot.
8. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein there are a plurality of linear elongate slits binding wedges.
9. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 8, wherein there are two slits binding wedges, and wherein each of said two ~~retaining~~ slits has a different width.
10. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one slit binding wedge is lined with a non-skid material.
11. *(Original)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 10, wherein said non-skid material is rubber.
12. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of said ~~binding wedges~~ slit is formed in said upper end of said handle at a shoulder of said outwardly flaring terminus of said handle.
13. *(Original)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said handle has at least one massage boss thereon.

14. *(Original)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said handle is covered with an exfoliation mat.
15. *(Original)* A scrubbing device according to Claim 1, wherein said rearward side of said handle has at least one massage boss thereon.
16. *(Currently Amended)* A scrubbing tool, comprising:
- a. a scrubbing material, said scrubbing material having an attaching cord affixed thereto; and,
  - b. a handle, at least a portion of said handle being adapted for grasping by a user, said handle having at least
    - (1) an upper end,
    - (2) a rearward face,
    - (3) a front face,
    - (4) a periphery,
    - (5) a substantially linear elongate slot placed within said handle within said upper end of said handle and proximate to a terminus thereof, said slot having a terminus that extends to said periphery of said handle, wherein said slot is configured to accommodate said attaching cord of said scrubbing material, and,
    - (6) at least one ~~binding wedge~~ substantially linear elongate slit placed within said handle proximate to said slot, each of said at least one ~~binding wedges~~

slit being oriented at an angle of greater than about 90° with respect to said slot,

said ~~binding-wedge-slit~~ at least for removably engaging said attaching cord after said cord is passed through said slot,

said slit having a left interior face and a right interior face, wherein said left interior face has a left ridge extending toward an interior of said slit, and wherein said right interior face has a right ridge extending toward said interior of said slit, said left and right ridges being substantially in alignment with and opposing each other and providing a surface with which an attaching cord may be engaged when it is within said slit, and, said attaching cord urging said scrubbing material against said front face of said handle proximate to said ~~binding-wedge-slit~~ when said attaching cord is passes through and is engaged with both said slot and one of said at least one slit-so engaged with said binding-wedge.

17. (Original) A scrubbing device, according to Claim 16, wherein said attaching cord is selected from a group consisting of string, twine, a ribbon, a metal chain, a plastic chain, a rope, and an elastic band.
18. (Original) A scrubbing device, according to Claim 16, wherein said scrubbing material is selected from a group consisting of a sponge, a mesh netting, a washcloth, and a brush.

19. (*Original*) A scrubbing device, according to Claim 16, wherein said handle is elongated and said upper end of said handle is outwardly flared at its terminus.
20. (*Currently Amended*) A scrubbing device according to Claim 16, wherein there are two ~~binding wedges~~ slits, and wherein each of said two ~~binding wedges~~ slits has a different width.